

## Lecture 13

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State D. thm & questions

### Denjoy's example

Recall:  $\varphi: \mathbb{S}^1 \xrightarrow{C^2} \mathbb{S}^1 \in \text{Homeo}_+$

Alternative:  $\rho(\varphi) \in \mathbb{Q} \Leftrightarrow \varphi$  has a per. orbit

$\rho(\varphi) = \alpha \notin \mathbb{Q} \Leftrightarrow \varphi \sim \mathbb{R}_\alpha$   
 $\Rightarrow$  all orbits are dense

does not have to be  $C^2$

Q: The role of  $C^2$ ?

Thm (The Denjoy example)

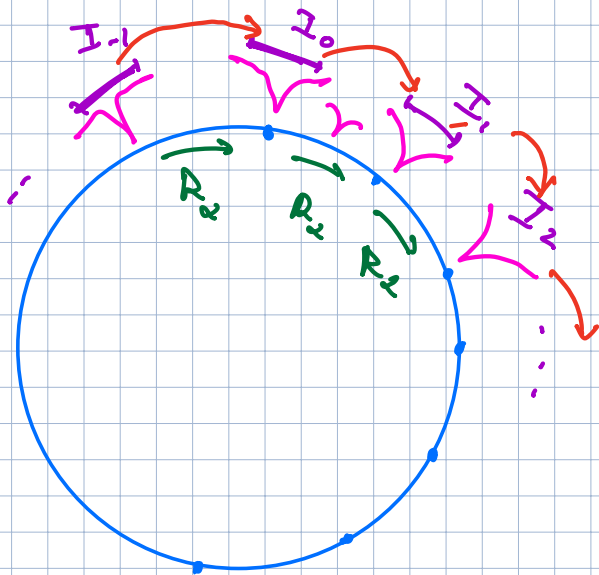
$\exists$  a  $C^1$ -diffeo  $\varphi: \mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$

with  $\rho(\varphi) = \alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$  (hence no per. orbit) and no dense orbits.

Mölder

- Remark
- Can make  $\varphi$  a  $C^{1+\varepsilon}$  diffeo but not a  $C^2$ -diffeo (Denjoy Thm)
  - Can make  $\varphi$   $C^\infty$ -smooth but not a  $C^\infty$ -diffeo ( $\varphi^{-1}$  is not  $C^\infty$ )

## Idea of the construction (For $C^0 \varphi$ )



- $x_n = R_\alpha^n(x)$

- $l_n > 0$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} l_n < \infty$$

$$|I_n| = l_n$$

$$\varphi_n : I_n \rightarrow I_{n+1}$$

• Cast  $S^1$  at each  $x_n$  and insert  $I_n$   
 Get  $S^1$  again. To be more precise,  
 construct  $\bigsqcup I_n \hookrightarrow S^1$  so that  
 $\nu : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$   
 $I_n \rightarrow x_n$  otherwise  $1-1$

• Define  $\varphi : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  by

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_n(x) & \text{if } x \in I_n \\ R_\alpha^n(x) & \text{if } x \notin \bigsqcup I_n \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi$  is a homeo

- $\varphi$  has no periodic orbits  
 $\Rightarrow p(\varphi) \notin \mathbb{Q}$  HW:  $p(\varphi) = \alpha$

$\varphi$  has no dense orbits

if  $x \in I_n$   $\varphi^k(x)$  never comes back to  $I_n$



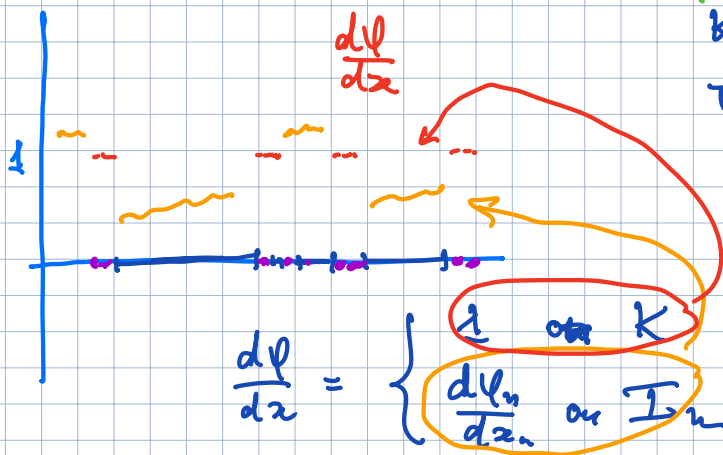
never hits this interval

if  $x \notin \bigcup I_n$ ,  $\varphi^k(x)$  never enters any  $I_n$ .

looks like a Cantor set

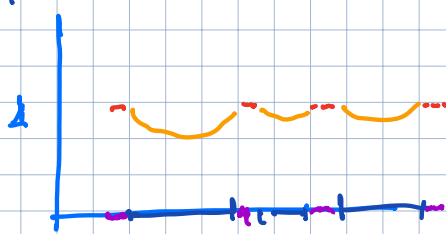
$$K = S^1 \setminus U$$

$$U = \bigcup \text{int}(I_n)$$



$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } K \\ \frac{d\varphi_n}{dx} & \text{on } I_n \end{cases}$$

Remark with just a bit more cover of  $I_n$  &  $\varphi_n$  (see [K13]) can make  $\varphi \in C^1$



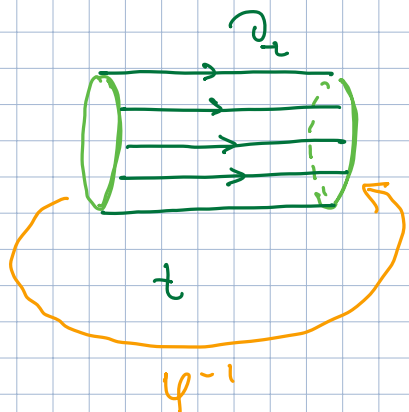
$$\frac{d\varphi}{dx} \in C^0$$

Application: v.f. on  $\mathbb{T}^2$

Con  $\exists$  a  $C^1$  v.f. on  $\mathbb{T}^2$  without zeroes, or closed orbits or dense orbits.

Pf. Take  $\varphi: S^1 \xrightarrow{C^1} S^1$  as in Denjoy's theorem

• Form  $M = S^1 \times [0, 1] / \sim$   
 $(x, 0) \sim (\varphi^{-1}(x), 1)$



the mapping torus

Ex:  $M$  is  $C^1$  surface and  
 $M \cong \mathbb{T}^2$   
 $C^1$

•  $\partial_x$  as v.f.  $v$  on  $M \cong \mathbb{T}^2$ ,  $C^1$   
 $\varphi =$  time-1 flow of  $v \neq 0$

• Ex: show that  $\varphi$  has no dense orbits or periodic orbits

△

• Digression to number theory:

Diophantine vs Liouville numbers

$\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q} \leftarrow$  always

$\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$

relatively prime

what is the reference?

Q: How fast can one approximate  $\alpha$  by rational numbers

It turns out one should compare  $|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}|$  with  $\frac{1}{q^2}$ !

Thm  $\forall \alpha \notin \mathbb{Q} \exists \frac{p_i}{q_i}$  inf many s.t.

$$|\alpha - \frac{p_i}{q_i}| < \frac{1}{q_i^2} \rightarrow 0$$

Rmk Can do  $|\alpha - \frac{p_i}{q_i}| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{5} q_i^2}$   
but not much better - see below:

$\exists \alpha$  and  $C > 0$  s.t.

$$|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}| > \frac{C}{q^2} \quad \forall \frac{p}{q} \quad !$$

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→ Go through basic info

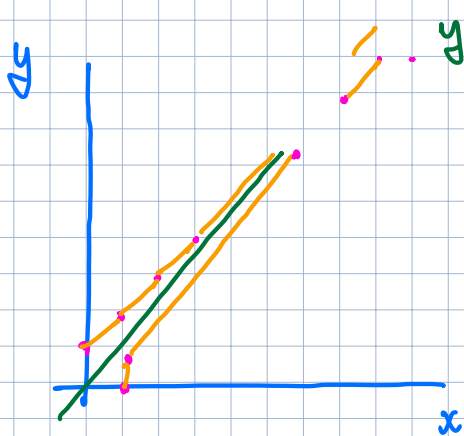
- \* No exams, no hw
- \* Problems stated in lectures }  
Up to them how much they take home
- \* OH: by appointment

Plan:

- basic concepts and examples
- elements of ergodic theory
- maps of  $S^1$ , the Denjoy example
- local normal forms, Hartman-Grobman and local analysis of DS
- hyperbolicity, horse shoes
- topological entropy
- Not a comprehensive course
- Examples are often non-trivial and very important

varying  
degree of  
detail

"Pf" - visualization



$$\mathbb{Z}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

no integer pts  
other than  $(0,0)$

- Convex hull of all  $(p,q) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  below or above  $y = \alpha x$  in the first quadrant

- A thread attached at  $\infty$ , first along  $y = \alpha x$ , put a nail at  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  and pull the thread down/up
- the vertices of the hulls give the required sequence  $p_i/q_i$

Details: [Arnold]

- continued fractions



Direct pf in the spirit of the Kronecker thm:

Pf We'll prove:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \exists 1 \leq q \leq n \text{ \& \ } p :$$

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| \leq \frac{1}{nq} \leq \frac{1}{q^2} \Rightarrow \text{then}$$

- Partition  $[0, 1]$  into  $n$  intervals of length  $\frac{1}{n}$



- Look at the  $n+1$  pts

$$\alpha, 2\alpha, \dots, (n+1)\alpha \pmod{1}$$

At least two are in the same interval:

$$\exists 1 \leq l < k \leq n+1 \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\underbrace{|k\alpha - l\alpha|}_{\pmod{1}} < 1/n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists p \quad |k\alpha - l\alpha - p| < 1/n$$

- Set  $q = k - l$  then

$$|q\alpha - p| < 1/n$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \frac{1}{nq} \quad \triangleleft$$



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→ Dirichlet ex.  $\leadsto$  Dir. on  $\mathbb{T}^2$

→ Recall the thm from Lect. 13:

Thm  $\forall \alpha \notin \mathbb{Q} \exists \frac{p_i}{q_i}$  inf many s.t.

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right| < \frac{1}{q_i^2} \rightarrow 0$$

Q Can we do better than that?

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{q^2} \quad \text{on}$$

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \frac{C}{q^{2+\beta}} \quad ?$$

It turns out: not in general  
and for very few  $\alpha$ 's

Def  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$  is Diophantine if

$$\exists \beta \geq 0 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\exists C > 0 \text{ with } \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| \geq \frac{C}{q^{2+\beta}} \quad \forall \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Denote the set of such  $\alpha$ 's by  $\mathcal{D}_\beta$

$$\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{\beta \geq 0} \mathcal{D}_\beta, \quad \mathcal{D}_{\beta_1} \subset \mathcal{D}_{\beta_2} \iff \beta_1 \leq \beta_2$$

Def  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$  is Liouville if it is not Diophantine:

$$\forall \beta \geq 0 \quad \forall c > 0 \quad \exists \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \frac{c}{q^{2+\beta}} \quad \text{can replace } C \text{ by } 1 \text{ by playing with } \beta$$

Notation:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathcal{D}$

In other words: sending  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain a rational approximations of  $\alpha$  converging to  $\alpha$  faster than any power of  $1/q$ !

Thm (Ex) •  $\forall \beta > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_\beta$  has a full measure  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{\beta > 0} \mathcal{D}_\beta$  has a full measure

$\approx$   
 $\updownarrow$

•  $\mathcal{D}$  is meager: countable union of closed nowhere dense sets

Thm  $\mathcal{I}$  is zero measure and second cat  $\nabla$  (small & large  $\nabla$ )

Pf - [Oxtoby]

Ex.  $\alpha = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^{n!}}$  is Liouville

Thm Every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is transcendental

$\Downarrow$   
Cor

$$\alpha = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^{n!}} \text{ is transcendental}$$

Probably the simplest expl. transcendental number construction

Pf

$\alpha$  algebraic of deg  $n$ :

$f(x) = 0$ :  $f = \text{pol of deg } n$  with coeff in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  
no roots in  $\mathbb{Q}$

Thm  
 $\Uparrow$

Lemma  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$   $\leftarrow$  can be improved

Pf

Set

$$M = \left[ \max_{|x-\alpha| \leq 1} |f'(x)| \right] \in \mathbb{N}$$

Claim

$$\forall \frac{p}{q} \quad \left| \alpha - \frac{p}{q} \right| \geq \frac{1}{Mq^n} \quad ; \quad C = \frac{1}{M} < 1$$

$\forall x$  with  $|x - \alpha| \leq 1$  :

$$|f(x) - \underbrace{f(\alpha)}_0| \leq M \cdot |x - \alpha| \leq M$$

Take  $P/q = x$  can assume  $|\frac{P}{q} - \alpha| < 1$   
(otherwise  $|\frac{P}{q} - \alpha| \geq 1 > \frac{1}{Mq^n}$ )

Then

$$|f(\frac{P}{q})| \leq M \cdot |\frac{P}{q} - \alpha|$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{|q^n f(\frac{P}{q})|}_{\in \mathbb{N}} \leq q^n \cdot M \cdot |\frac{P}{q} - \alpha|$$

$$\Rightarrow \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq q^n M |\frac{P}{q} - \alpha|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\frac{P}{q} - \alpha| \geq \frac{1}{Mq^n}$$

$\Delta$

## Herman's theorem and small denominators

- Back to diffeos of  $S^1$

Recall:

Thm (Denjoy)

$$\varphi: S^1 \xrightarrow{C^2} S^1, \rho(\varphi) \notin \mathbb{Q}$$
$$\Rightarrow \varphi \sim R_\alpha: \exists h: \varphi = h R_\alpha h^{-1}$$

only  $C^0$

Q Can we improve Denjoy's thm in a different way: make  $h$  smooth?

Not in general, but ...

Thm (M. Herman, 1979, Yoccoz 1984)

↑ Assume  $\varphi: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  is a  $C^\infty$ -diffeo and  $\alpha = \rho(\varphi) \in \mathbb{D}$   
 $\Rightarrow \varphi = h R_\alpha h^{-1}$  with  $h: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  a  $C^\infty$ -diffeo!


Remark: builds up on work of Arnol & Moser

Deep & difficult, much more precise result

What goes wrong when  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ ?  
 - Small Denominators

Idea: need to solve the equation  
 $f \circ R_\alpha - f = g$  ← given  $g \in C^\infty$  ← necessary  
 ← unknown  $\int g(x) dx = 0$   
 Want  $f$  to exist and be sufficiently smooth.

Ex. • Show that a sol  $f \in C^\infty$  exists  
 $\forall g \in C^\infty$  when  $\alpha \in \mathbb{D}$   
 • But if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  a sol might or might not exist depending on  $\alpha$

Example  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$   
 $(x, y)$   
 $\sigma = \alpha \partial_x - \partial_y$   
  
 ← minimal  
 all integral curves are dense

when does the equation  
 $L_\sigma f = g : -\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = g$   
 have a sol? how smooth  
 ← unknown  $\int g dx dy = 0$  ← given,  $C^\infty$

Ex  $\int g dx dy = 0$  ← necessary condition (152)

Recall the set-up

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Prop. Assume that  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then  $f \in C^\infty$  exists  $\forall g$  with  $\iint g = 0$

- If  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$  a sol might or not exist, or fail to be smooth

Pf - method (small denominators)

$$g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2)$$

Fourier series

$$g = \sum_{p,q} g_{p,q} e^{2\pi i(qx + py)}$$

$$f = \sum_{p,q} f_{p,q} e^{2\pi i(qx + py)}$$

$$L_\alpha f = -\alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$= \sum_{p,q} \underbrace{2\pi i(-q\alpha + p)}_{g_{p,q}} f_{p,q} e^{2\pi i(qx + py)}$$

$(p,q) \neq (0,0)$

$\Rightarrow g_{0,0} = \iint g$   
must be 0

$$f_{p,q} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{g_{p,q}}{p - q\alpha} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} g \left(-\alpha + \frac{p}{q}\right)^{-1} g_{p,q}$$

"small denominator"



Analysis fact:

$$u = \sum u_{p,q} e^{2\pi i (qx + py)} \in C^\infty$$

$\Leftrightarrow |u_{p,q}| \rightarrow 0$  faster than any pol. as  $(p,q) \rightarrow \infty$

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

$$|u_{p,q}| \cdot (|p|^a + |q|^b) \rightarrow 0$$

•  $g \in C^\infty \Rightarrow |g_{p,q}| \rightarrow 0$  faster than any pol.

•  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D} \quad \left| -\alpha + \frac{p}{q} \right| > \frac{C}{q^{2+\beta}}$  for some  $C > 0$  and  $\beta$ .

$$|f_{p,q}| = \frac{1}{2\pi} |g_{p,q}| \cdot C \cdot q^{3+\beta}$$

also  $\rightarrow 0$  faster than any pol.

$\Rightarrow f \in C^\infty$

• But if  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$  and we are unlucky with  $g$  we can have

$|f_{p,q}| \rightarrow \infty$  or  $\rightarrow 0$  but slowly

A sol may fail to exist.

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## §4 Local Analysis of dynamical systems - Very Briefly

Two classes of questions:

→ Asymptotic & Lyapunov stability  
- of applied interest

→ Local normal forms, linearization, "classification", etc  
- hugely important, somewhat similar to Diff(S')

→ Two types of DS:

- discrete - maps or germs
  - continuous - flows
- similar ↗ ← focus on this a bit more intuitive

# Asymptotic & Lyapunov stability

Setting:  $M = \text{smooth manifold}$

$v = \text{smooth v.f.}$

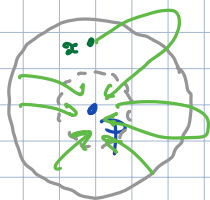
$$v(p) = 0$$

will relax  $\rightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Assume } \varphi^t(x) \text{ is defined for} \\ \text{all } t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or at least } t \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$

Def  $v$  (or  $p$ ) is asymptotically stable if

- $\forall x$  close to  $p$   $\varphi^t(x) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} p$
- $\exists \text{ nbd } U \ni p$  s.t.  $\forall V = \text{nbd of } p$
- $\exists T > 0$  s.t.  $\varphi^{t \geq T}(U) \subset V$

Ex. unit conv.



if  $\varphi^t$  is not defined for all  $t \geq 0$  require it to be

Integral curves starting close to  $p$  converge to  $p$

$\Rightarrow$  Can assume  $M = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p = 0$   
 $v$  is defined on some nbd of  $p = 0$ .

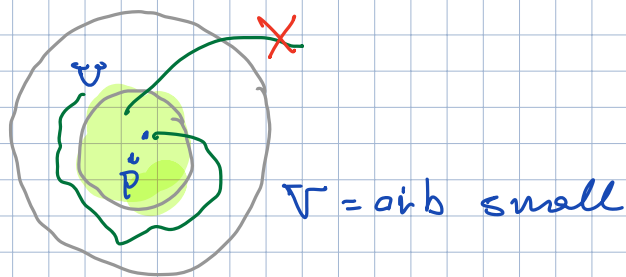
Remk •  $v$  cannot be vol preserving  
 $\text{vol}(\varphi^t(U)) = \text{vol}(U) < \text{vol}(U)$   
 $\Rightarrow v$  cannot be Hamiltonian or symplectic

Def  $p$  is Lyapunov stable if

- $\forall V = \text{nbd of } p \exists U = \text{nbd of } p$
- s.t.  $\forall x \in U \exists \varphi^t(x) \in V \forall t \geq 0$

$$\varphi^t(U) \subset V$$

Trajectories starting close to  $p$  remain close to  $p$



Rephrasing for  $p=0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\sigma$  defined near  $p=0$

$\sigma$  is asymptotically stable if

$\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $\|x\| < r$

$\Rightarrow \varphi^t(x)$  is defined for all  $t \geq 0$  and

$\varphi^t(x) \rightarrow 0$  (uniformly in  $x$ )  
automatic

$\sigma$  is Lyapunov stable if

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

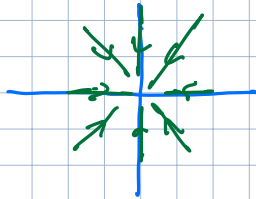
$\forall \|x\| < \delta \varphi^t(x)$  is defined for all  $t \geq 0$

and  $\|\varphi^t(x)\| < \epsilon$

A.S.  $\Rightarrow$  L.S.

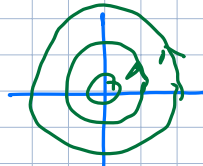
# Examples for $\mathbb{R}^2$

•  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x \\ \dot{y} = -y \end{cases}$  SD



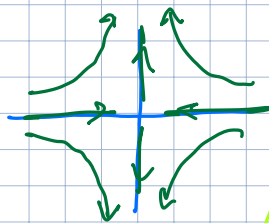
Asympt. stable  
change signs  
 $\Rightarrow$  "unstable"

•  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -x \\ \dot{y} = x \end{cases}$  SD



L.S. but not A.S.

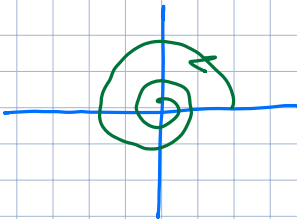
•  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = x \\ \dot{y} = -y \end{cases}$  SD



Neither L.S.  
(nor A.S.)  
saddle

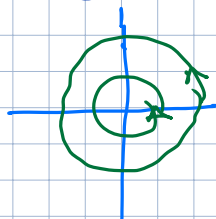
•  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = -y - \epsilon x \\ \dot{y} = x - \epsilon y \end{cases}$  SD } linear comb of the first two

$\epsilon > 0$



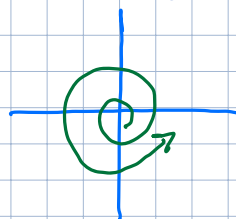
A.S.

$\epsilon = 0$



L.S. but not A.S.

$\epsilon < 0$



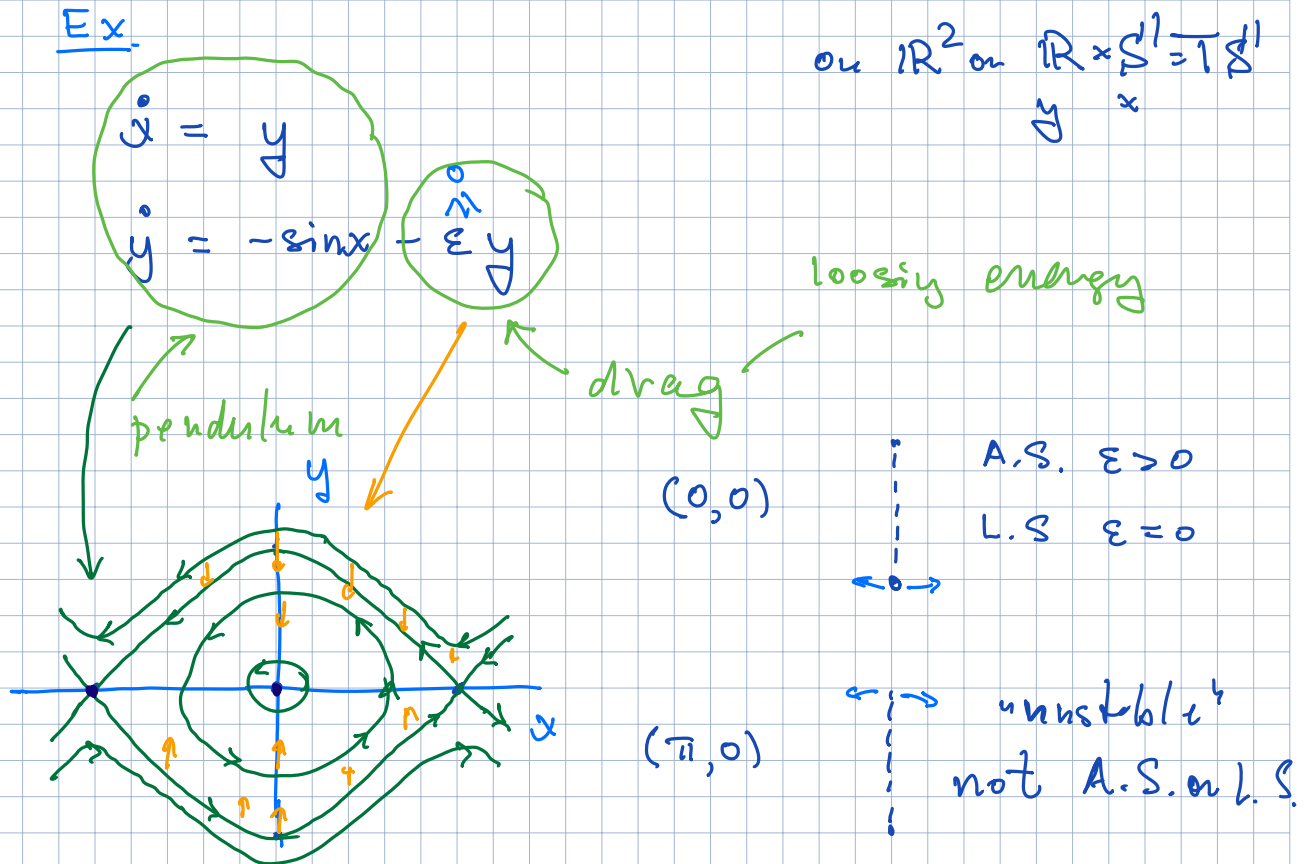
"unstable"

• etc

## Interpretation:

- $p: v(p) = 0$  is an equilibrium
- only "stable" equilibrium can be observed in practice

Ex.



Remark  $\varepsilon < 0$  : pumping in energy

$(\pi, 0)$  neither } neither is  
 $(0, 0)$  "unstable" } observed

## stability criteria:

### • Lyapunov functions

Setting:

- $v$  defined on a nbd of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $C^\infty$
- $f: (\text{nbhd of } 0) \xrightarrow{C^1} \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(0) = 0$

Def.  $f$  is a Lyapunov function for  $v$  if

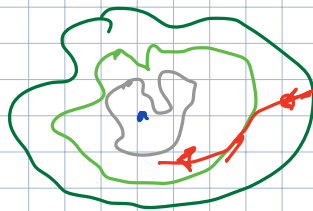
- $f$  has an isolated min at  $0$
- $L_v f(x) < 0$  (or  $L_v f \leq 0$ )

Thm Assume that  $v$  has a Lyapunov function:

- $L_v f \leq 0 \Rightarrow 0$  is L.S.
- $L_v f < 0 \Rightarrow 0$  is A.S.

Pf

- $f(\varphi^t(x))$  decreasing (str:  $L_v f < 0$ )  
 $\Rightarrow \underbrace{\{f \leq \varepsilon\}}_{\text{compact}} \ \& \ \underbrace{\{f < \varepsilon\}}_{\text{open}}$  are invariant  
 $\Rightarrow \varphi^t(x_0)$  is defined for all  $t \geq 0$
- $\{f < \varepsilon\} \leftarrow$  arb small nbhd of  $0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  L.S.



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• Remains to prove

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{A.S. away from } 0$$

$x \in$  small nhd of 0  
suffices to show:

$$\inf_{t > 0} f(\varphi^t(x)) = 0$$

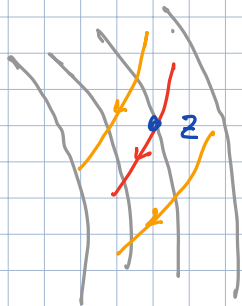
Then  $\varphi^t(x) \rightarrow 0$

Assume not:  $a = \inf_{t > 0} f(\varphi^t(x)) > 0$

Take  $z =$  a limit pt of  $\varphi^t(x)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $z \in \omega(x)$ ,

Then  $f(z) = a > 0 \Rightarrow z \neq 0$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow z} f(x) = b > 0$

Important  
argument



Claim  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  and  $\tau > 0$   
s.t.  $f(\varphi^\tau(y)) \leq a - \epsilon$   
 $\forall y$  near  $z$

PF True at  $z$ . By continuity true near  $z$   
with smaller  $\epsilon$  &  $\tau$

Take  $y = \varphi^t(x)$  near  $z$ . Then

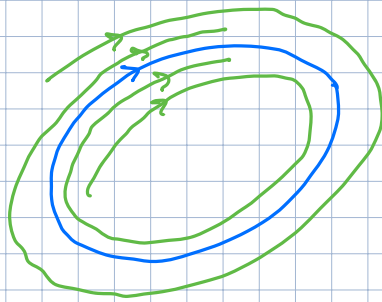
$$f(\varphi^\tau(y)) = f(\varphi^{t+\tau}(x)) \leq a - \epsilon$$

$\rightarrow \leftarrow$  with  $a = \inf$   $\triangleleft$



Rmk  $\exists$  a similar criterion for  
diffs...

- Generalizes to integral curves  
other than equilibria: e.g. periodic  
orbits.



Problem with Lyapunov functions:  
difficult to find

Rmk  $\exists$  L. function  
with  $L > 0 \iff$  A.S.

Thm: essentially a necessary and  
sufficient condition